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National Park Service Announces FY 2009 NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant Awards

(Washington, D.C.) --- The National Park Service (NPS) announces the awarding of \$1,704,729 to assist museums, Indian Tribes, and Alaska Native Villages with implementation of the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA).

Enacted in 1990, NAGPRA requires museums and federal agencies to inventory and identify Native American human remains and cultural items in their collections, and to consult with culturally affiliated Indian tribes, Alaska Native villages and corporations, and Native Hawaiian organizations regarding repatriation. Section 10 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to award grants to assist in implementing provisions of the Act.

Projects to be undertaken by FY 2009 consultation/documentation grant recipients include consultations to identify and affiliate cultural items, training for tribal staff on the fundamentals of NAGPRA, updating previously completed inventories, creating databases to document NAGPRA items, and numerous other projects that support the NAGPRA goals of documentation and consultation in preparation for repatriation.

In FY 2009, the NPS received 66 NAGPRA consultation/documentation grant applications from 33 Indian tribes, 6 Alaska Native villages and corporations, and 27 museums, for a total request of approximately \$4.2 million. Proposals were reviewed by an expert panel of Native Americans and museum professionals from a variety of Federal agencies. Awards are being made to the **24** grantees listed below.

Additionally, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the award of three Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) repatriation grants totaling \$39,816. On behalf of the Native village of Akutan, AK, the Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc. will collect one set of human remains and 29 associated funerary objects from the Slater Museum of Natural History, University of Puget Sound, WA and bring them back to Akun Island to be reburied. The Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma will repatriate two sets of human remains from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, MA and rebury them in Alabama at separate locations that are thought to be near their original areas of internment. The Osage Nation will repatriate one set of human remains and 15 funerary objects from the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, Harvard University, MA. The human remains will be

reburied in a keepsafe cemetery at Toltec Mounds State Park in Arkansas and the funerary objects will be housed at the Gilcrease Museum in Tulsa, OK where they will be tested for contaminants and stored until their final disposition is determined.

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Awards for all FY 2009 NAGPRA grants are listed below.

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FY 2009 NAGPRA Consultation/Documentation Grant Recipients

Bishop Paiute Indian Tribe	\$76,516	Minnesota Indian Affairs Council	\$85,665
California State University, Sacramento	\$84,410	New York State Museum	\$72,925
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	\$89,224	Peoria Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma	\$60,483
Colorado Historical Society	\$60,075	Pioneer Historical Society of Bent County	\$59,087
Comanche Nation, Oklahoma	\$63,191	Rochester Museum & Science Center	\$89,997
Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	\$15,860	Sealaska Corporation	\$89,904
Denver Museum of Nature & Science	\$51,260	Susanville Indian Rancheria	\$87,170
Eastern Shawnee Tribe of Oklahoma	\$89,999	Central Council of the Tlingit & Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska	\$89,993
Lac du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians	\$89,995	Univ. of Colorado Museum, Boulder	\$58,849
Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians	\$40,191	Univ. of Washington, Burke Museum	\$64,455
Maryland Historical Trust	\$15,480	Univ. of Wisconsin, Madison	\$90,000
Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe	\$90,000	White Mountain Apache Tribe	\$90,000
	TOTAL		\$1,704,729

FY2009 Repatriation Grant Recipients

Osage Nation	\$14,600
Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma	\$10,244
Aleutian Pribilof Islands Association, Inc.	\$14,972
Total	\$39,816